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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This is in response to the Office Action of March 26, 2002 (Paper No. 7), which is a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121. The term for responding to the Office Action is extended one month by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed concomitantly herewith to expire on May 26, 2002.

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 USC 119 AND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge (i) applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and (ii) receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents that were filed